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OPTIMIZING THE DISPERSION AND
DISPERSION SLOPE FOR A DISPERSION
MAP WITH SLOPE-COMPENSATING
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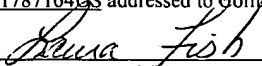
Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed either within three months of the filing date of the above-referenced application or before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.

A copy of the listed documents is attached. Also attached is a copy of the International Search Report.

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Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed document, should the document be applied against the claims of the present application.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

Respectfully submitted,



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